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SUBJ: FINAL REPORT, 57TH SESSION WHO EXBD

REF: GENEVA 307, 0354, 0355, 0443

1. SUMMARY: WHO EXBD CONCLUDED ITS 57TH SESSION 1:30 PM JANUARY 30. WITH INCREASED MEMBERSHIP FROM 24 TO 30, DISCUSSIONS WERE FREQUENTLY PROLONGED ON BOTH PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. INCREASED EMPHASIS PLACED ON CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REFLECTS CHANGED COMPOSITION OF EXBD MEMBERSHIP. THUS, WHILE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR MORE EXPERIENCED MEMBERS TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON EXBD RESPONSIBILITIES, THIS TASK HAS BECOME BOTH MORE DIFFICULT AND DELICATE.

COMMENT: WE BELIEVE OVERALL RESULT IN THIS REGARD IS POSITIVE. NEW MEMBERS DEVELOPED A SENSE OF VIGOROUS PARTICIPATION AND GAINED BETTER SENSE OF DIFFICULT DECISIONS FACING WHO, GIVEN REGULAR BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS. EXBD DECISIONS AS REFLECTED IN 65 RESOLUTIONS REPRESENT, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, BALANCED MODERATION IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS. MOST PROTRACTED DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE ON PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET REVIEW FOR 1976 AND 1977, PROMOTION OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES RELAT-

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ING TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, THE

ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY ON EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES, AND THE SIXTH GENERAL PROGRAM OF WORK. MUCH CONCERN ALSO EXPRESSED ABOUT MALARIA AND TROPICAL DISEASES AND ABOUT FINANCIAL CONDITION OF UNDP, A LARGE CONTRIBUTOR TO MANY WHO COUNTRY PROGRAMS. STRONG SUPPORT FOR LEADERSHIP AND NEW ORGANIZATIONAL ORIENTATION OF DG MAHLER CONTINUES. 1977 BUDGET OF \$145.9 MILLION APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO WHA WITH ONE DISSENTING VOTE (REFTEL 0443). DRAFT REPORT OF SIXTH GENERAL PROGRAM OF WORK, AS SUBMITTED BY AD HOC EB COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDED U.S. MEMBER, APPROVED FOR DECISION BY WHA WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES.

2. DURING PROGRAM BUDGET DISCUSSIONS GENERAL SENSE THAT 7.15 0/0 INCREASE IN EFFECTIVE WORKING BUDGET, GIVEN ALL FACTORS, QUITE ACCEPTABLE. STRESS PLACED ON PROGRAM EVALUATION AS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT UNDER TIGHT BUDGET CONDITIONS. REGIONAL COMMITTEES, AFTER REGIONAL REPORTS PRESENTED, URGED QUOTE TO MAKE INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE THE PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF THE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THESE PROCESSES AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL UNQUOTE.

3. EXBD MEMBERS UNANIMOUS IN THEIR PRAISE FOR PROGRESS IN SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAM WITH FINAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SIGHT. ONLY ETHIOPIA STILL ON LIST OF COUNTRIES REPORTING NEW CASES. RECOGNITION TAKEN OF NEED FOR CONTINUED EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDING TO COMPLETE PROGRAM IN ETHIOPIA AND MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES.

4. DR FRANCISCO J. DY REAPPOINTED AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC FOR THREE ADDITIONAL YEARS BEGINNING 1 JULY 1976.

5. AMENDMENTS TO STAFF RULES CONFIRMED. QUALIFIED REP FROM STAFF ASSOCIATION AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT STATEMENT TO DG AND BE PRESENT AT BOARD TO EXPLAIN. AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE EXBD ADOPTED AND OF WHA RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION.

6. NO ACTION TAKEN ON AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 24 AND 25 OF THE CONSTITUTION. CONSENSUS WITHIN THE EXBD WAS FOR NO RPT NO INCREASE IN SIZE, WITH EXCEPTION OF SEA MEMBERS WHO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF AN INCREASE OF ONE. NO ACTION TAKEN ON RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCUMENT EB57/33 ON METHOD OF WORK OF WHA AND EXBD. MAJORITY OF BOARD RELUCTANT TO INNOVATE SO MATTER REFERRED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AD HOC COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED AT 58TH SESSION OF EXBD AFTER EXPERIENCE GAINED AT 29TH WHA. RE DOCUMENTATION: REPORT ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS TO BE DISCONTINUED AND REPORT ON WORLD HEALTH SITUATION TO BE PUBLISHED EVERY SIX YEARS IN SIX LANGUAGES AS A GLOBAL ANALYSIS ALONG WITH COUNTRY REVIEWS, NOT SUBJECT TO WHA APPROVAL.

7. SIXTH GENERAL PROGRAM OF WORK CAREFULLY REVIEWED PAGE BY

PAGE. MINOR CHANGES EXCEPT ADDITION OF SECTION ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH. VARIANT TWO (2) SELECTED UNDER DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL SECTION. U.S. MEMBER SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING DEFINITE MANDATE FOR ONGOING REVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH STUDIES AND EVALUATION OF PARTICULAR PROGRAMS AS NECESSARY.

8. FUTURE ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY SELECTED IS QUOTE WHO'S ROLE AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL, PARTICULARLY ROLE OF WHO REPRESENTATIVE UNQUOTE.

9. IN DISCUSSIONS ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE USSR MEMBER EXTENDED INVITATION TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN SOVIET UNION ASAP. U.S. MEMBER VIEW PREVAILED THAT (1) CONFERENCE UNLIKELY BEFORE 1978, (2) TIME SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO INVITE, AND (3) AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXBD SHOULD MEET TO DETERMINE DATE, PLACE, AND AGENDA OF CONFERENCE. AD HOC COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF EXBD CHAIRMAN (POLAND) AND MEMBERS FROM SWAZILAND, TANZANIA, BANGLADESH AND VENEZUELA. INVITING COUNTRIES MAY ATTEND AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING UPON REQUEST.

10. U.S. MEMBER CO-SPONSORED AND INTRODUCED RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, CALLING UPON MEMBER STATES AND WHO TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF WHO, INCLUDING POLICY DECISIONS.

1. OTHER PROGRAM ACTIONS TAKEN BY EXBD INCLUDED EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON PSYCHOSOCIAL FACTORS AND HEALTH; DISABILITY PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION; INTENSIFICATION OF RESEARCH IN TROPICAL DISEASES DRAWING PARTICULARLY ON EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES; MALARIA WITH EMPHASIS ON BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER STATES; HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING TRAINING OF RELEVANT HEALTH WORKERS AND RECOGNITION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ROLE OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE; THE ENVIRONMENT; AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH.

12. ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS INCLUDED CONFIRMING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY FUND; RECOMMENDING TO THE WHA THE PROPOSED TRANSFERS FROM THE REAL ESTATE FUND; THE APPLICATION OF MINUS POST ADJUSTMENTS (REFTEL 0355); RECOMMENDING CONTINUED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT AND EMERGING STATES IN AFRICA AND TO CAMBODIA, LAOS, M. AND S. VIETNAM (REFTEL 0354); REQUESTING THE DG TO EXAMINE A BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO RECRUITMENT OF WHO STAFF INCLUDING QUOTE THE MOST APPROPRIATE METHODS FOR ACHIEVING, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A MORE BALANCED AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF FROM DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNQUOTE; AND AUTHORIZING THE DG, IN LIGHT OF THE SEVERE LIQUIDITY CRISIS OF UNDP, TO SAFEGUARD UNDP

FINANCED HEALTH PROJECTS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE QUOTE INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BEING FINANCED WITHIN (EMPHASIS ADDED) THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE APPROVED REGULAR BUDGET LEVEL OR FROM OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION UNQUOTE. ALSO, PRC MEMBER REFERENCED PREVIOUS RESOLUTION URGING ALL NGOS IN RELATIONSHIP WITH WHO TO EXPEL MEMBER BODIES OR INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND AGAIN US MEMBER SPOKE IN DISAGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLE OF EXBD AUTHORITY.

13. COMMENT: EXPANDED EXBD MANAGED LONG AND IMPORTANT AGENDA IN A THOROUGH AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER. IN GENERAL, ITEMS WITH POTENTIAL POLITICAL SENSITIVITY WERE RESOLVED WITH LOW KEY PARTICIPANT CIRCUMVENTION RETAINING POSTURE OF EXBD AS RELATIVELY APOLITICIZED FORUM IN WHICH THE WORK FOCUSES ON COMPELLING PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE ISSUES OF GLOBAL CONSEQUENCE. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMBALANCES AMONG MEMBER STATES ARE BECOMING MORE PROMINENT HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES AND THIS WILL REQUIRE CONTINUING EVALUATION OF THE STYLE AND SUBSTANCE OF US INTERVENTIONS AT FUTURE EXBD AND WHA MEETINGS. WE CAN AND SHOULD REMAIN SUPPORTIVE OF WHO AND OUR APPROACH TO PARTICIPATING IN THESE IMPORTANT MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODIES APPEARS SOUND. THE 58TH SESSION OF THE EXBD WILL CONVENE MONDAY, 24 MAY 1976 IN GENEVA.DALE

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